

XQ8H09
ANNOUNCEMENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES CONTRACT
(DIRECT PURCHASE ORDER TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Research and Development
National Health and Environmental Effects Research
Gulf Ecology Division, Gulf Breeze, FL

The Gulf Ecology Division (GED) of the National Health and Environmental Research Laboratory (NHEERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking a college student or recent graduate to provide services under a contractual agreement to assist with coastal ecosystem studies. The student contractor must have completed a B.S. degree in biology, ecology, environmental science or a related field within the past year or be a graduate student in a relevant area of study at an accredited college/university. The student must have experience in field and laboratory work relevant to research on coastal ecosystems. Additional qualifications include the ability to complete projects with a moderate degree of supervision and familiarity with scientific literature regarding coastal ecology.

The Gulf Ecology Division (GED) is responsible for research on the physical, chemical, and biological dynamics of coastal wetlands and estuaries, to determine ecological condition, evaluate rates and causes of declining systems, and predict future conditions under various alternative water quality scenarios. The student contractor will assist the Coastal Assessment Team and the Ecosystem Assessment Branch of GED in developing (1) diagnostic models for coastal ecosystems, (2) quantitative species-habitat relationships, and (3) biological indicators of ecosystem health. For additional information regarding the Gulf Ecology Division, visit its home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ged/>.

The student will assist GED scientists in gathering data from laboratory and field measurements of physical, chemical and biological properties of coastal waters, conducting literature searches, analyzing, summarizing, and reporting data and technical information, maintenance and calibration of scientific instruments and equipment, and planning experiments and sampling procedures. The student will be required to follow established quality assurance and safety procedures. All necessary instructions and training will be provided by Dr. Stephen Jordan (jordan.stephen@epa.gov) who will also serve as the student's mentor.

This work is to begin approximately on October 1, 2003 and end approximately September 30, 2005. The initial contract will be for one year with an option for an additional 12 months. It is anticipated that the student will work 20 hours per week during the Fall and Winter seasons and 40 hours per week during the Summer. The majority of the work will be Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The duty location is Gulf Ecology Division, 1 Sabine Island Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. Work will be performed in a number of different settings including office, library, laboratory, and field.

The hourly rate is \$13.24 per hour. Student contractors will be paid the basic hourly rate only for the number of hours worked and do not receive overtime premium for any hours worked beyond the 40-hour week. Student contractors do not accrue leave or holiday benefits and are not paid for any non-work days, regardless of the reason. Federal, State, Local, and Social Security taxes will not be withheld; student contractors are responsible for reporting income to authorities and paying all taxes.

To apply for this position you must provide a one or two page resume or statement of qualifications including (1) student's full legal name; (2) mailing address; (3) telephone number; (4) email address (if any), (5) date of birth; (6) Social Security Number; (7) place of birth; (8) citizenship or, if not a US citizen, immigration/VISA status; (9) education, including description of relevant

classes; (10) work or volunteer experience related to the scientific field; and (11) laboratory work experience (if applicable to these services). Attach a copy of your most recent transcript, listing courses taken, grades, and overall GPA. Send your resume or statement of qualifications to: Dr. Raymond Wilhour, Gulf Ecology Division, 1 Sabine Island Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561; email wilhour.ray@epa.gov; or telefax at (850) 934-9201. The applications/resume submission deadline will be listed at the website listed below. Award will be made based on the evaluation factors found on the EPA website listed below.

Prior to applying to this position, you should visit the EPA procurement home page at http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd/ to learn full details of the position for which you are applying. Under the section entitled "Student Services XQ8H09", read all of the attached documents. You should visit the website periodically to check the status of this procurement and to see whether or not any amendments (changes to the requirement of the posted position) have been issued. If you have any questions, contact Matt Ake at ake.matt@epa.gov.

Questions regarding the technical aspects of the contracted duties and responsibilities should be directed to Dr. Stephen Jordan (jordan.stephen@epa.gov).

All offers will be due at 5:00 P.M. on 24 September 2003.